

For previously untreated follicular, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL  
in combination with CVP chemotherapy

# RITUXAN+CVP provides significant improvement in PFS in patients with follicular NHL

Up to 8 cycles of R-CVP significantly improved PFS over CVP\* alone

RITUXAN+CVP as first-line treatment improves median PFS<sup>1,2</sup>

In first-line follicular NHL  
At 4.4-year follow-up

2.83 years vs 1.25 years  
R-CVP vs CVP

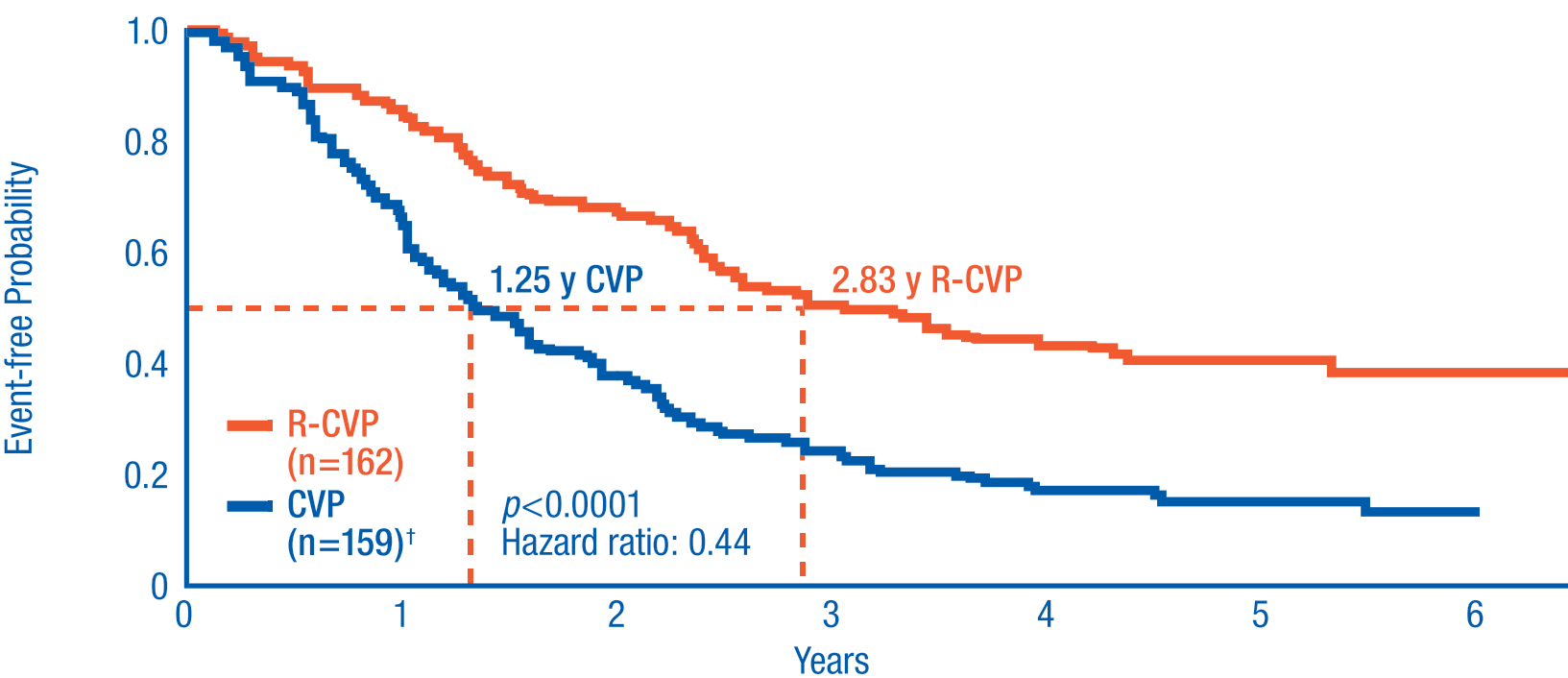
127%  
improvement in median  
PFS

Marcus (M39021) trial

### Efficacy summary

- R-CVP more than doubled median PFS at 4.4 years of follow-up<sup>1,2</sup>
- Median PFS was improved by 71% (2.4 years vs 1.4 years) at 1.5-year follow-up<sup>2</sup>
- The R-CVP benefit was consistent across patient subgroups, including bulky disease and poor-prognosis FLIPI score<sup>3</sup>

Marcus progression-free survival (N=322)<sup>1,4</sup>



### Marcus protocol: R-CVP x8 vs CVP x8<sup>2,3</sup>

- Patients (N=322) were randomized to receive 8 three-week cycles of R-CVP (n=162) or 8 three-week cycles of CVP (n=160)
- Primary endpoints: PFS, TTF

Marcus trial: Previously untreated, advanced-stage patients<sup>4</sup>

Baseline patient characteristics		R-CVP (n=162)	CVP (n=159) <sup>†</sup>
Age range (years)		27–79	29–80
Median age		52	53
Elevated LDH (>1×ULN)		26%	26%
Ann Arbor Stage	I/II	1%	1%
	III/IV	99%	99%
ECOG performance status	0–1	98%	95%
	2	3%	5%
Bulky disease (>7 cm)		39%	46%
Number of nodal sites	<5	18%	16%
	≥5	82%	84%
FLIPI index	0–2	53%	50%
	3–5	47%	50%

\*CVP=cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisolone.

<sup>†</sup>One patient assigned to the CVP group did not receive any trial medication because this patient withdrew consent.<sup>4</sup>

CD=cluster of differentiation; NHL=non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; R-CVP=RITUXAN plus CVP; R=RITUXAN 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, given on the first day of each CVP cycle; PFS=progression-free survival; FLIPI=Follicular Lymphoma International Prognostic Index; LDH=lactate dehydrogenase; ECOG=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; TTF=time to treatment failure.

### Most frequent adverse reactions in the study of RITUXAN in combination with CVP for previously untreated follicular NHL

Patients in the R-CVP arm had higher incidences of infusional toxicity and of neutropenia as compared with those in the CVP arm. The following adverse reactions occurred more frequently (≥5%) in patients receiving R-CVP compared with CVP alone: rash (17% vs 5%), cough (15% vs 6%), flushing (14% vs 3%), rigors (10% vs 2%), pruritus (10% vs 1%), neutropenia (8% vs 3%), and chest tightness (7% vs 1%).<sup>2</sup>

**Attention Healthcare Provider: Provide Medication Guide to patient prior to RITUXAN infusion.**

Important safety information is featured on a separate panel. For additional safety information, please see the full prescribing information, including **BOXED WARNINGS** and Medication Guide, available at this exhibit.

**References:** 1. Marcus R, Imrie K, Catalano J, et al. Rituximab plus CVP improves survival in previously untreated patients with advanced follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Paper presented at: American Society of Hematology 48th Annual Meeting and Exposition; December 9-12, 2006; Orlando, FL. Abstract 481. 2. RITUXAN® (Rituximab) full prescribing information, Genentech, Inc., 2008. 3. Marcus R, Imrie K, Belch A, et al. CVP chemotherapy plus rituximab compared with CVP as first-line treatment for advanced follicular lymphoma. *Blood*. 2005;105:1417-1423. 4. Data on file, Genentech, Inc.







# BOXED WARNINGS and Additional Important Safety Information

## **WARNING: FATAL INFUSION REACTIONS, TUMOR LYSIS SYNDROME (TLS), SEVERE MUCOCUTANEOUS REACTIONS, and PROGRESSIVE MULTIFOCAL LEUKOENCEPHALOPATHY (PML)<sup>1</sup>**

**Infusion Reactions:** RITUXAN administration can result in serious, including fatal infusion reactions. Deaths within 24 hours of RITUXAN infusion have occurred. Approximately 80% of fatal infusion reactions occurred in association with the first infusion. Carefully monitor patients during infusions. Discontinue RITUXAN infusion and provide medical treatment for Grade 3 or 4 infusion reactions.<sup>1</sup>

**Tumor Lysis Syndrome (TLS):** Acute renal failure requiring dialysis with instances of fatal outcome can occur in the setting of TLS following treatment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) patients with RITUXAN.<sup>1</sup>

**Severe Mucocutaneous Reactions:** Severe, including fatal, mucocutaneous reactions can occur in patients receiving RITUXAN.<sup>1</sup>

**Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML):** JC virus infection resulting in PML and death can occur in patients receiving RITUXAN.<sup>1</sup>

RITUXAN has also been associated with fatal hepatitis B reactivation with fulminant hepatitis, other serious viral infections, cardiovascular events, renal toxicity, and bowel obstruction and perforation.<sup>1</sup>

The most common adverse reactions of RITUXAN (incidence  $\geq 25\%$ ) observed in patients with NHL are infusion reactions, fever, chills, infection, asthenia, and lymphopenia. The incidence of infusion reactions was highest during the first infusion (77%) and decreased with each subsequent infusion. These infusion reactions generally have resolved with slowing or interruption of the infusion and with supportive care.<sup>1</sup>

### **RITUXAN in Combination with CVP for Previously Untreated, Follicular NHL**

Patients in the R-CVP arm had higher incidences of infusional toxicity and of neutropenia as compared to those in the CVP arm. The following adverse reactions occurred more frequently ( $\geq 5\%$ ) in patients receiving R-CVP compared to CVP alone: rash (17% vs 5%), cough (15% vs 6%), flushing (14% vs 3%), rigors (10% vs 2%), pruritus (10% vs 1%), neutropenia (8% vs 3%), and chest tightness (7% vs 1%).<sup>1</sup>

### **RITUXAN in Combination with CHOP Chemotherapy for DLBCL**

The following adverse reactions, regardless of severity, were reported more frequently ( $\geq 5\%$ ) in patients age  $\geq 60$  years receiving R-CHOP as compared to CHOP alone: pyrexia (56% vs 46%), lung disorder (31% vs 24%), cardiac disorder (29% vs 21%), and chills (13% vs 4%). In the GELA LNH 98-5 study, a review of cardiac toxicity determined that supraventricular arrhythmias or tachycardia accounted for most of the difference in cardiac disorders (4.5% for R-CHOP vs 1.0% for CHOP).<sup>1</sup>

The following Grade 3 or 4 adverse reactions occurred more frequently among patients in the R-CHOP arm compared with those in the CHOP arm: thrombocytopenia (9% vs 7%) and lung disorder (6% vs 3%). Other Grade 3 or 4 adverse reactions reported more frequently among patients receiving R-CHOP were viral infection (GELA LNH 98-5 study, neutropenia (GELA LNH 98-5 and MInT studies), and anemia (MInT study).<sup>1</sup>

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Reference: 1. RITUXAN® (Rituximab) full prescribing information, Genentech, Inc., 2008.